Please amend the claims as follows:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended): A process for the manufacture of an acetylenically unsaturated alcohol comprising [[by]] reacting a carbonyl compound with acetylene in the presence of ammonia and an alkali metal hydroxide, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the carbonyl compound is selected from a group consisting of methyl ethyl ketone, methylglyoxal dimethylacetal, 6-methyl-5-hepten-2-one, 6-methyl-5-octen-2-one, hexahydropseudoionone, 4-(2,6,6-trimethyl-1-cyclohexen-1-yl)-3-buten-2-one and [[or]] 6,10,14-trimethyl-2-pentadecanone, the alkali metal hydroxide is used in aqueous solution and the molar ratio of the alkali metal hydroxide to the carbonyl compound is less than 1 : 200.

2. (Original): A process according to claim 1, wherein the molar ratio of the alkali metal hydroxide to the carbonyl compound is from about 1 : 500 to 1 : 200.

3. (Original): A process according to claim 2, wherein the molar ratio of the alkali metal hydroxide to the carbonyl compound is from about 1 : 300 to about 1 : 220.

4. (Currently amended): A process according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 3~~, wherein the carbonyl compound is 6-methyl-5-hepten-2-one and the product is dehydrolinalool.

5. (Currently amended): A process according to claim 1 [[any one of claims 1 to 4]], wherein the alkali metal hydroxide is potassium hydroxide.

6. (Currently amended): A process according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~, wherein the reaction is effected at a temperature from about 0°C to about 40°C and the pressure is at an appropriate value, depending on the reaction temperature, from about 5 bar to about 20 bar (about 0.5 MPa to about 2 MPa) to maintain the ammonia in the liquefied state.

7. (Original): A process according to claim 6, wherein the reaction is effected at a temperature from about room temperature to about 35°C.

8. (Currently amended): A process according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 7~~, wherein the molar ratio of the acetylene to the carbonyl compound in the reaction mixture for carrying out the process is from about 2 : 1 to about 6 : 1.

9. (Currently amended): A process according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 8~~, wherein the molar ratio of ammonia to carbonyl compound in the reaction mixture for carrying out the process is from about 8 : 1 to about 35 : 1.

10. (Original): A process according to claim 9, wherein the molar ratio of ammonia to carbonyl compound in the reaction mixture for carrying out the process is from about 10 : 1 to about 30 : 1.

11. (Currently amended): A process according to claim 1 ~~any one of claims 1 to 10~~, wherein the reaction is effected in a continuous manner.

12. (New): A process according to claim 4, wherein the alkali metal hydroxide is potassium hydroxide.

13. (New): A process according to claim 4, wherein the reaction is effected at a temperature from about 0°C to about 40°C and the pressure is at an appropriate value, depending on the reaction temperature, from about 5 bar to about 20 bar (about 0.5 MPa to about 2 MPa) to maintain the ammonia in the liquefied state.

14. (New): A process according to claim 5, wherein the reaction is effected at a temperature from about 0°C to about 40°C and the pressure is at an appropriate value, depending on the reaction temperature, from about 5 bar to about 20 bar (about 0.5 MPa to about 2 MPa) to maintain the ammonia in the liquefied state.

15. (New): A process according to claim 12, wherein the reaction is effected at a temperature from about 0°C to about 40°C and the pressure is at an

appropriate value, depending on the reaction temperature, from about 5 bar to about 20 bar (about 0.5 MPa to about 2 MPa) to maintain the ammonia in the liquefied state.

16. (New): A process according to claim 4, wherein the molar ratio of the acetylene to the carbonyl compound in the reaction mixture for carrying out the process is from about 2 : 1 to about 6 : 1.

17. (New): A process according to claim 5, wherein the molar ratio of the acetylene to the carbonyl compound in the reaction mixture for carrying out the process is from about 2 : 1 to about 6 : 1.

18. (New): A process according to claim 4, wherein the reaction is effected in a continuous manner.

19. (New): A process according to claim 5, wherein the reaction is effected in a continuous manner.

20. (New): A process according to claim 12, wherein the reaction is effected in a continuous manner.